



Policy: 4200
Procedure: 4200.12
Chapter: Behavioral Health
Rule: Substance Use Classification

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Purpose:

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) Behavioral Health Services shall screen and assess each juvenile who enters a secure facility and who has substance abuse disorder and provide substance abuse education and treatment services that are appropriate, timely, and culturally competent.

Rules:

1. The **RECEPTION, ASSESSMENT, AND CLASSIFICATION (RAC) PSYCHOLOGIST OR DESIGNEE** shall screen and assess each incoming juvenile for the presence of a substance use disorder in accordance with Procedure 4200.00 Behavioral Health Screening and Assessment.
 - a. The **RAC PSYCHOLOGIST OR DESIGNEE** shall ensure that all juveniles with a substance use disorder are classified by day 14;
 - b. The **FACILITY PSYCHOLOGIST OR DESIGNEE** shall ensure that all juveniles' substance use disorders are re-classified minimally every 90 days thereafter.
2. The **PSYCHOLOGIST OR DESIGNEE** shall determine and assign a substance abuse classification based on severity and functional impairment as follows:
 - a. SL1: Severe Chemical Dependency:
 - i. The juvenile is diagnosed with dependence of one of the eleven classes of drugs as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-IV-Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR);
 - ii. The juvenile meets one of the following severity factors:
 - (1) The juvenile meets five or more of the DSM-IV-TR diagnostic criteria for dependence;
 - (2) The juvenile has been diagnosed with three or more substance use disorders (abuse or dependence, including the disorders that are rule outs [R/O]).
 - iii. The juvenile meets one of the following complicating factors:
 - (1) Substance Use is the primary factor in the juvenile's offending behaviors;
 - (2) Substance Use is life or health threatening;
 - (3) Substance Use intensifies a mental health problem.
 - b. SL2: Chemical Dependency and Severe Substance Abuse:
 - i. Juveniles diagnosed with chemical dependency who did not present with any of the complicating or severity factors listed above are classified as SL2;
 - ii. Juveniles meet the criteria for abuse of one of the eleven classes of drugs as defined by DSM-IV-TR; and
 - iii. Have two or more of the following severity indicators:
 - (1) Offends to pay for use;
 - (2) Offends under the influence;
 - (3) Regularly uses three or more substances;
 - (4) Has previously attended treatment for drug use;
 - (5) Exhibits high quantity/frequency of use. This is defined as:
 - (a) Alcohol- Five or more drinks on five or more occasions per week;
 - (b) Cannabis- use several times weekly or more;
 - (c) All other drugs- any use beyond experimentation.
 - (6) Exhibits an escalating pattern of use (over time using more of the same drug or going beyond alcohol and marijuana use to use of other classes of drugs).
 - c. SL3: Substance Abuse:

- i. These juveniles meet the criteria for abuse of one of the 11 classes of drugs as defined by DSM-IV-TR and do not meet two or more of the severity indicators.
- d. COD: Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders.
 - i. Juveniles who are classified as M1 or M2 in accordance with Procedure 4200.04 Mental Health Classification, and are classified SL1, SL2, SL3, as specified above, shall receive a COD classification that expresses the mental health level of care and substance abuse classification (i.e. COD/L2/SL1);
 - ii. These juveniles simultaneously experience significant mental health and substance abuse/dependence disorder;
 - iii. Juveniles who require mental health services at the L1 level shall be reassessed for substance abuse treatment upon stabilization.

3. Treatment for Substance Abuse Disorders

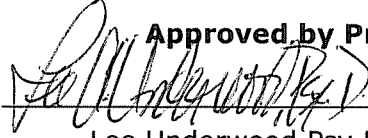
- a. Treatment for SL1:
 - i. **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall place the juvenile who is classified as SL1 in an Chemical Dependency Treatment Unit;
 - ii. If capacity limitations exist, the **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall triage the juvenile for placement by the clinician's assessment of juvenile's readiness to change;
 - iii. Once placed in Chemical Dependency Treatment Unit, the assigned **YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall:
 - (1) Administer the Personalized Feedback Report (PFR) in accordance with Procedure 4200.13 Personalized Feedback Report;
 - (2) Address the substance abuse issue as the first treatment goal in the Continuous Case Plan (CCP) in accordance with Procedure 4200.06 Continuous Case Plan.
- b. Treatment for SL2:
 - i. **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall place the juvenile classified as SL2 in a core unit with additional specialty services;
 - ii. Once placed in the core unit, the assigned **YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall administer the PFR according to procedure 4200.13 Personalized Feedback Report;
 - iii. The **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM** shall address the substance abuse issue in the CCP in accordance with Procedure 4200.06 Continuous Case Plan.
- c. Treatment for SL3:
 - i. The **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall place the juvenile classified as SL3 in a core unit;
 - ii. Once placed in the core unit, the assigned **YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall administer the PFR according to procedure 4200.13 Personalized Feedback Report;
 - iii. The **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM** may or may not address the substance abuse issue on the CCP based on the needs prioritization in accordance with Procedure 4200.06 Continuous Case Plan.
- d. Treatment for COD:
 - i. The **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER.III** shall place the juvenile classified COD/L2/SL1, who meet all three indicators of stability below, in the Chemical Dependency Treatment Unit:
 - (1) Able to attend groups unrestricted;
 - (2) Thoughts and speech clear if psychotic or manic;
 - (3) Manic or psychotic induced behavioral problems are absent.
 - ii. The **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER.III** shall refer juveniles classified COD/L2/SL1 who are not stable to the Mental Health Specialty Unit for stabilization and be re-evaluated for the Chemical Dependency Treatment Unit once stabilized;
 - iii. The **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall place juveniles classified COD/L2/SL2 or COD/L2/SL3 in a core unit and shall receive treatment for their mental health and substance abuse simultaneously;
 - iv. Regardless of placement, the **RAC OR YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall ensure the treatment for these juveniles is fully integrated;

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- v. Once placed, the assigned **YOUTH PROGRAM OFFICER III** shall administer the PFR in accordance with procedure 4200.13;
- vi. The **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM** shall address the substance abuse issue in the CCP in accordance with Procedure 4200.06 Continuous Case Plan.

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